consonance with and are similar to rules and procedures followed by other National Governments. Investigations are completed as per the time norms and other procedures prescribed in the rules.

Study of the working of foreign TV channels

*207. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make a full fledged study of the working of the foreign TV channels, since the CBDT is bereft of any idea of their working;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to ensure that they pay the actual tax on their revenue earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal. According to information given by Finance Ministry, foreign telecasting companies are taxable in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and the Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty applicable to them.

Foreign telecasting companies have paid Rs. 71.21 Crores as income tax during the past four assessment years.

Status of Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab

*208. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 18 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 2000 and state the status, as on date, regarding Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS